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L. F. Webster,	22	00
D. Goss,	27	75
P. M. Danes,	17	00
H. Wescott,	24	49
C. S. Kingsbury,	5	25
M. H. Clark,	4	81
F. R. Pollard,	12	00
D. Clark,	5	00
J. Currier,	14	00
E. Shepard,	18	00
T. J. Hardy,	31	50
J. Fifield,	8	75
J. J. Pollard,	19	50
J. W. Hoyt,	2	63
B. B. Whitney,	48	15
O. Hadley,	3	00
W. J. Martin,	5	50
George Davis,	26	75
B. & S. R. Norris,	3	00
J. Pollard,	8	75
A. Hadley,	5	25
Chas. Temple,	7	50
Ezra Day,	2	00
John Stevens,	2	50
Stephen Morse,	25	10
S. H. Dow,	141	00
John Wilson, Work on non resident highway tax ...	4	50
C. Scotney, Work on Road,	27	24
W. Aldrich,	13	00
J. M. Whittier,	4	50
E. F. Withington,	72	36
H. Trumbull,	32	75
M. A. Brocklebanks,	3	00
H. Daniels,	4	50
H. Morey,	6	00
M. F. Harvey,	1	50
O. Daniels,	4	75
H. H. Wilson,	16	50
Chas. Davis,	12	75
S. H. Stevens,	3	25
D. B. Kimball,	4	50

Total, \$1,111 73

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Repairing Bridges and Plank.

Paid S. H. Dow, Plank.....	72	57
J. Currier, ".....	15	29
B. B. Whitney Work on Bridge	17	89
S. Jones Plank.....	3	30
E. Collins Work on Bridge	1	75
J. Welch, ".....	2	50
L. F. Webster, ".....	11	25
O. W. Harris, ".....	14	50
B. P. Nichols, ".....	16	50
P. O. Dunham, snowing Bridge	50	
F. H. Wells Plank	11	24
J. Packard, mending rods	75	
Perley, & Bradbury, ...	88	
Pattee, & Perley, Plank	20	16
D. M. Cummings, Stone for Bridge.....	6	50
D. H. Campbell, Stone for Bridge.....	2	00
C. W. Harris, Plank	3	31
Chas. Day ".....	83	51
Pattee & Perley ".....	33	96
John Packard ".....	3	76
B. P. Nichols, ".....	1	95
Perley, & Bradbury, nails.....	56	
H. H. Wilson, Labor on Bridge.....	26	25
L. J. Clark, Snowing Bridge	7	00
Dustin, & Somers, for taking off and putting on Bridge and building abutments.....	75	00
Dustin, & Somers, for taking off old Bridge & putting on new Bridge before freshet, & fixing Bridge after freshet and labor on other Bridges	25	00
Dustin, & Somers, for plank & timber furnished.....	69	00
Dustin, & Somers, for building railing on & side of Bridge and lumber furnished as per contract for same.....	14	00
Total,		\$540 31

Breaking Roads, 1868-69,

Paid J. H. Swett,	\$6 65	Paid J. Peters,	\$10 30
S. J. & E. W. Dow,	4 50	C. Jones,	3 00
W. F. Lary,	1 62	F. Butman,	6 00
J. M. & N. Eaton,	6 00	L. Hadley,	2 50
E. F. Currier,	8 37	W. H. Currier,	2 56

A. Currier,	3 39	C. Clough,	12 50
H. Jones,	4 00	J. B. Jenness,	28 22
H. A. Clark,	3 00	F. R. Pollard,	2 70
J. Pollard,	13 48	Z. Lary,	1 53
D. Towle,	1 93	D. G. Lowell,	2 00
Peter Rainey,	6 50	J. Welch,	9 00
A. Shepard,	5 00	M. H. Clark,	5 00
Hiram Philbrick	2 44	D. Clark,	3 50
J. Currier,	7 13	T. J. Hardy,	7 50
W. J. Martin,	4 00	J. Philbrick,	1 75
Cha's Day,	6 00	G. W. Hadley,	20 66
L. N. Bradbury,	4 50	E. Shepard,	18 00
J. K. Tucker,	4 12	M. C. Tucker,	4 12
A. B. Clark,	2 00.		
		Total,	\$235 21.

Abatement of taxes for 1867,

Adolphus Lemott,	5 05	W. Hamlet,	4 88
J. C. Hobart,	2 75	Cha's Thurston,	6 61
J. B. Clark,	22		
		Total,	\$19 51

Abatements for 1868,

I. N. Blodgett,	Cha's S. Jones,	Joseph Rifford,	A. Cluky,	
J. T. Cole,	F. T. Underhill,	each had 2	57.	\$15 42
Cha's Stickney,	34	M. W. Sawyer,		1 00
L. Welch,	2 50	L. Hoyt,		07
M. Knight,	3 94	Lucy Knight,		1 34
Peter Bill,	3 57	J. B. Clark,		7 41
Wm. Huse,	2 59	Alfred Dustin,		41
Adolphus Lemott,	6 57			
Warren Hamlet,	School House tax,			48
				\$30 27
Total,				\$45 69

Abatements 1869 J, Doton's Bill,

E. Page,	overtax,	\$ 80	A. Currier,	overtax,	\$4 00
M. E. Currier,	"	4 80	J. T. Milton,	"	6 48
E. Wells,	"	9 60	C. Seavey,	"	1 64
C. Berry,	"	3 25	M. Hadley,	"	9 75
O. Columbia,	taxed twice,	2 44	C. Peaslee,	Illegal,	2 44
J. Fox,	A. Woden,	J. L. Hoyt,	A. F. Kimball,	Y. Lebuty,	
each 2	44.	12 20	Geo. White,		1 23

Tha's. Brown,	2 69	J. P. Cota,	96
M. Sanborn,	3 02	L. Hoyt,	3 48
J. Duphinot,	4 57	M. Knight,	3 34
Lucy Knight,	1 30	H. Daniels,	3 41
School District No. 11,		L. Hoyt,	2 86
J L Hoyt,	2 00	J Duphinot,	8 47
A F Kimball,	2 00	J Jewell,	2 74
Second Tax No. 11		D Morey,	1 30
J Duphinot,	4 94	District No. 10	
M Sanborn,	44	Susan Sanborn,	75

Total Abatements for 1869, \$106 09

Miscellaneous Expenses.

E. J. Fifield. (soldier) Car fare to Lebanon (old).....	1 50
C. O. Barney, Printing Blank Notes	75
Morrill, & Silsby, Stationery	13 53
E. C. George Damage to Carriage.....	22 50
D. L. Guernsey, Stationery	13 53
G. W. Murray, Services (old).....	133 33
J. H. Swett, Wateringtrough	1 00
J. Doten, Wateringtrough.....	1 00
V. Manahan, Return of Deaths & Births	50
A. Morgan, " " ".....	8 00
A. Wheat, " " ".....	10 00
B. P. George, Care of Town House	10 00
Chas. Day, Damage to Wagon.....	3 00
J. Doten, Money Paid out	30 52
E. C. Eastman Invoice Records	10 25
L. F. Webster. Stationery & Money paid out.....	78
H. H. Wilson, Stationery & Money paid out.....	10 00

Total, \$259 41

Town Officers Services,

Paid H. H. Wilson Selectman & treasurer, ...	130 00
Charles Davis Selectman, ...	70 00
L. F. Webster, ".....	86 00
Charles Barney Town Clerk, ...	15 00
J. Doton collector, ...	159 54
" " Overseer Poor, ...	55 50
Augustus Shepard S. Committee, ...	25 00
N. P. Taplin, " "	25 00

S. R. Swett Auditor, ...	5 00
A. Shepard "	5 00
H. H. Wilson to ascertain indebtedness Town, ...	10 00
Total, ...	<u>\$586 04</u>

Paid on Notes & Receipts.

Paid on notes, ...	
Paid L. J. Whitney, \$383 75	Paid J. Whitney, \$111 41
R. Hutchinson, 3445 18	H. B. Hazentine, 26 92
M. A. Shepard, 57 87	J. Colcord, 621 70
S. Jones, 135 08	C. F. Kilton, 1197 42
S. Hadley, 79 16	H. Barber, 106 40
M. W. Hutchins'n, 2335 53	E. O. Lowell, 51 77
Edrick Shackford, 350 00	R. F. May, 520 13
H. Shepard, 1986 53	F. S. Simonds, 266 67
O. L. Simonds, 181 62	A. D. Barnes 611 83
F. Hinkson, 53 45	J. Doten, 52 81
A. C. Lovejoy, 339 13	A. Kidder, 191 13
T. H. Jones, 60 94	L. J. Whitney, 446 13
R. F. Cobb, 111 75	F. Barber, 108 81
C. Langley, 50 90	F. T. Dustin, 197 14
W. P. Weeks, 71 30	J. T. Milton, 518 50
L. Davis, 342 45	G. S. Hadly, 382 84
A. L. Kendall, 156 52	J. Baker, 203 20
A. A. Haggett, 547 56	E. O. Lowell Receipt, 56 00
T. H. Jones, Recpt 50 00	H. H. Hanchett " 94 68
E. Shackford, " 31 40	R. F. Eastman, " 100 00
M. Clark, " 393 73	O B Morgan, " 12 72
P S Wells, " 30 00	A Currier, " 35 00
A Swett, " 62 00	M W Hutchinson " 150 00
M A Kelley, " 60 90	M Jones, " 61 80
H Chase, " 579 25	W Shattuck, " 355 25
Total, ...	<u>\$18376 26</u>

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Receipts.

Received from County, ...	909 87
Town of Orange, ...	48 46
M H Milton, ...	11 00
Total, ...	<u>\$969 33</u>

Expenditures for County Poor.

Paid for Support of J. W. Thorp & Wife,	16 75
Nancy L. Pattee,	57 74
Mary Lowe ,	1 86
Betsy Welch,	143 05
Polly Jones,	52 00
E. Waterman & Wife,	39 81
Anna Fox,	44 31
A. F. Kimball,	2 00
C. J. Lowell,	18 00
A. J. Abbott,	59 63
Stephen Hadley,	70 90
Joel Brow,	30 50
Dishnoe Boy,	10 50
Jas. Trowbridge,	37 08
Sibel Trowbridge,	6 00
Henry Daniels,	33 56
O. F. Clement,	30 20
C. D. Banks,	18 00
Transient Poor,	8 00
Expense to carry Dr. Thorp, & Wife to C. Farm,	9 90
For Anna Fox Bill for 1868,	40 00
For Mirta Columba Bill for 1868,	41 00
Total,	\$770 49

Expenditures for Town Poor,

Paid for Support of E. Nesmith,	235 00
Lucy Dow	91 00
Jane Hadley,	67 72
Mary Richardson,	82 25
Stephen Jenness,	60 80
Hannah Dow,	77 50
C. D. Washburn,	19 91
Total,	\$722 18

Recapitation,

Rec'd from County,	909 87	
" " Orange,	48 46	
" " M. H. Milton,	11 00,	Paid far County Poor, 770 49
" " Treasurer,	523 34,	" " Town Poor, 722 18
	1492 67	\$1492 67

Report of Liquor Agent.

Henry Martin,	Dr.
Liquors and Fixtures on hand, April 10th, 1869,	\$155 38
Liquors Bought,	923 59
Fixtures “	1 23
Services as Agent,	86 11
Profits to Town,	179 56
Total,	\$1345 87

Liquors & Fixtures on hand, Feby. 21st, 1870,	181 49
Liquors Sold,	1150 63
Fixtures "	13 75

	Total,	\$1345 87
Liquors on hand more than last year,		26 11
Profits to Town,		179 56
Cash Paid Selectmen,		\$153 45

What has been Paid on Town Debt.

for the year ending March 1st, 1870

Paid on Notes & Receipts	\$18,376 26
Rec'd on Notes, hired	12,165 79
Paid on Debt	\$ 6,210 47

Cash Received Besides Ordinary Receipts.

Reed M. G. Kelleys Note	\$22 95
E Fifield	71 95
Chas. Day,	226 48
Stephen Peaslee,	111 00
Jacob S. Clark,	20 00
Wm. W. George,	300 00
J. H Kelley, Treasurer 1868.	1044 66
D. Richardson Coll, 1867	1110 15
D Richardson Coll, 1868.	1826 52
Assigned U S Bounty	216 00
Total Receipts	4949 71

Whole Amount Paid on Debt	6210 47
Recd Beside Ordinary Receipts	4949 71
Paid from Ordinary Receipts on Debt	1260 76
On Old Claims, ...	155 87
Breaking Roads 1868	175 00
G W Murray for Services before 1869	75 00
Apapements for 1867 & 1868	65 20
On Debt & Old Claims!	1731 83
In Collector's hands 1869	678 38
In Treasurers hands \$230 48 less Dog Tax \$70. leaves	160 48
Paid on Debt, old claims, and in Collector's & Treasurer's	hands
.....	2570 69
Total Amount of Debt March 1st, 1870' Principal	56,550 47
Interest	7,247 59
Principal & Interest	\$63,798 06

Available Funds.

Due on Stephen & Chas N. Morse, & Stephen Peaslee Note	460 35
Due on Caleb N Homans & Chas Day's Note	275 56
Due on C N Homan's Note	16 36
Due ou Jacob S & G S Clark, ...	38 70
Due on Wm W George, Note	72 66
In Collector's hands 1869, ...	678 38
Treasurers hands 1869 Beside Dog Tax which was \$70 00	160 48
Due from County	722 18
In Wm W George's hands, Derush money, ...	200 00
Total Availabilities, ...	\$2624 67

Debt above availabilities, ...	\$61,173 39
Interest on Debt for the year	3,670 40
Due Several School Districts and tax on dogs for 1868-9	150 00
All of which is respectfully submitted,	

H. H. WILSON, Treasurer.

We the undersigned have attended to the duty assigned us, and report that we have examined the Books of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town of Canaan for the year ending March 1st, 1870, and find their accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

STEPHEN R. SWETT, }
AUGUSTUS SHEPARD, } AUDITORS.

S. S. COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

DISTRICT No. 2, Factory Village.

BELA WHITNEY, Prudential Committee. The summer term was under the charge of Miss Eva Pressey, who passed the best examination in Mathematics and Spelling of any Teacher that came under my notice. The School appeared well, and the course of the Teacher was dignified and systematic. Your committee is of the opinion that Miss Pressey has qualifications which would enable her to obtain a desirable situation in the graded schools of New England.

Mr. L. R. Leavitt presided during the winter term. Mr. Leavitt is in possession of a cultivated mind, agreeable manners and a whole soul. He makes no pretensions and is a person whom one likes to meet a second time. For those that attended this school for the purpose of mental culture, it was a profitable term, but for those that attended with a view to improve every opportunity to break over the bounds of good discipline when the teacher's back was turned, it was the reverse. It was evident that some of the medium sized pupils needed an introduction to some of the rules of the rigid disciplinarian. Scholars should not be allowed to look out of the windows, especially during a recitation, and a report of two hundred and four instances of tardiness clearly indicates that parents neglect their duty toward their children, and it is believed that police duty is not a favorite with Mr. L. It is proper to say that Mr. Leavitt's system of teaching was faultless and most of the scholars highly respected their teacher. One great wrong that is destroying the value of this school is the large number of pupils brought under the supervision of one teacher, for there are two classes of scholars, requiring the attention of as many teachers, and the parents of each class are somewhat jealous of each other, thinking partiality or neglect has been practiced, when the fact is one teacher has not the time to do more than half justice to either class. It is hoped that my successor will avail himself of the school Laws when the number of pupils each fifty and see that this school is graded. With the exception of a few older scholars that have attended school elsewhere, this is one of the most *behind-the-times* schools in town.

DISTRICT No. 3,

DANIEL R. CLARK, Prudential Committee. There was but one term under the charge of Miss Carrie Chesley. This was a small but

profitable school, and pupils in more forward districts, with better school houses, would do well to imitate the progress made here.

DISTRICT No. 11, West Canaan.

JOHN PACKARD, Prudential Committee. Both terms were under the care of Mrs. Samantha R. Fleming, an experienced teacher who had won a good reputation as a Common School Teacher in Hanover and Lebanon. The summer term was successful, but after the winter term had been in session a few weeks it appeared clear to your Superintendent that the school was decidedly out of gear, and your committee at once exerted himself to set both teacher and scholars on the right track, and in a measure succeeded. The teacher is blamed by your committee for not notifying him that certain lads were resisting her authority, at an earlier date. It may be remarked that this teacher was not befriended and encouraged as she desired by people in the district. In considering the qualification of this teacher your committee did not make it a test whether the relations of Mrs. F. were sinless or not, or whether she had anything to do with any feud or not.

Gentlemen of West Canaan, you have the best school house in town and I hope you will soon make the issue whether you will allow your female teachers to be driven out of your fine house by truants, rowdies and brutal force. It was the unanimous opinion of the S. S. Committee that the well being of the school demanded that an example should be made of one scholar by dismissing him from school. When a pupil openly defies the authority of both teacher and superintendent, the S. S. Committee can not maintain the dignity of their office without taking some action upon the subject referred to. A special hearing was asked for by the father of the dismissed boy, which hearing was granted, after a very thorough investigation of the charges preferred against the teacher and all other matters pertaining to the school. I am clearly of the opinion that all the difficulties that occurred in school arose from quarrels and jealousies among the people of the district, for which the teacher was in no way to blame or responsible. All the charges were based upon very flimsy pretences and all upon heresay. Said charges vanishing rapidly before a searching inquisition. I earnestly recommend the people of this district to visit their school instead of speaking disparagingly of the teacher and the school before their children. If you want good schools and expect to secure the services of first class teachers you must sustain them and not allow your feuds to come in to the school room.

DISTRICT No. 12, Sawyer Hill.

FRANK BUTMAN, Prudential Committee. Miss Persis A. Smith had

the care of both terms. Miss Smith succeeded well with the summer term, and the winter term was more than an average school. Good order prevailed and the large boys are commended for their good behavior, while the committee was in. The teacher was well sustained by the people of the district and your committee did all in his power to quiet what little opposition there was. Owing to the youthfulness and inexperience of this teacher, certain faults are omitted, which in a more experienced teacher would have been mentioned. Miss Smith was ambitious to do well.

DISTRICT No. 13.

CALEB JONES, Prudential Committee. There was but one term conducted by Mary E. Robinson. A good school was found here. Miss Robinson has made decided improvement in the art of teaching and has also well posted herself in regard to the branches usually taught. Miss R. is entitled to the rank of a first class teacher. This district ought to be united with No. 20.

DISTRICT No. 14, West Farms.

LEWIS FOLLANSBEE, Prudential Committee. Lucia A. Washburn was the teacher of the summer term. It is sufficient to say that Miss Washburn's management was characterized by promptness, energy and a quiet school. The people of the district may rest assured that this was a No. 1 school.

DISTRICT No. 15.

The winter term was under the direction of Miss Laura E. Tilton and it is believed that this was more than an average school which appeared well when visited. Your committee is pleased to know that this school is advancing in rank. Mr. Follansbee always does well for the district. Try him again.

No school house is the reason given for no school. This district should belong to North Enfield.

DISTRICT No. 16, Gore.

J. W. HOYT, Prudential Committee. There was but one term taught by Miss Clara E. Armstrong, who exceeded the expectation of your committee, and if every one would do as well as Miss Armstrong, according to their talents, we should have more good schools.

DISTRICT No. 17, Goose Pond.

PETER RAINEY, Prudential Committee. Miss Louisa C. Garland commenced this school who appeared to be doing well. Miss G. left on account of sickness, and the school was continued by Miss Persis A. Smith. A majority of the parents do not compel their children to attend school, and but few of the people of the district seem to

take much interest in the education of their children. What pupils were present when the school was visited appeared well. Doubtless Miss Smith lacked somewhat in discretion, but very many of the inhabitants give but little encouragement to a teacher. There are a good many different elements in the district, and the eye of the S. S. Committee should be ever watchful in this direction.

DISTRICT No. 20, Gates District.

BENJ. BRADBURY, Prudential Committee. The summer term was under the management of Miss Belle A. Milton, and although this was a first attempt, the conduct of the teacher was modest, sensible and unpretending. Every thing about the school indicated that all went smoothly.

Miss Julia A. Flanders had charge of the winter term. The people of this district may congratulate each other upon the fact that they have had for several terms one of the best teachers in the Co. We think that for thoroughness and correct system in teaching Miss F. is not excelled by any teacher in town. The people of the district believe in civilization, and here we find one of the best districts in town.

DISTRICT No. 21, Peaslee District.

STEPHEN PEASLEE, Prudential Committee. Miss Abbie J. Wilson was the teacher of the summer term, a young and inexperienced teacher who did not seem to have much system in the management of the school. Perhaps if Miss W. has more experience she will yet make a successful teacher by trying to qualify herself for the position. The appearance of the scholars indicated that they were well disposed toward their teacher.

Miss Lizzie B. Norris, or otherwise Mrs. Lizzie B. Goss had the direction of the winter term. Mrs. G. has fairly earned in various districts in town the rank of a first class teacher. Her conduct was dignified and excellent order was noticed. We found here three scholars that (according to their age) are among the best scholars in town. This is another No. 1 district, and the people encourage their teacher.

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUSTUS SHEPARD.

DISTRICT No. 1.

HORACE R. NORRIS, Prudential Committee. Miss Lizzie B. Norris taught the summer term. Miss N. has a faculty of governing with perfect ease. The discipline was good, and her pupils made good progress. We hope Mrs. Goss may succeed as well in govern-

ing her pupil, as Miss Norris did in governing her pupils.

The winter term was taught by Miss Emma Yeaton. Miss Y. possesses rare abilities for governing and teaching, in fact excels in all the requirements of a first-class teacher. Good discipline, system and thoroughness were among the most noticeable features of the school. We do not hesitate to say that this was the "banner school" of the town, and Miss Yeaton the "model teacher." We would say to other teachers visit her school if you have opportunity, then go and strive to do likewise.

The names of Loren F. Kelton, Charlie W. Currier and George E. Barber appear without a mark against them. Let every scholar follow their example next term.

DISTRICT No. 4.

FRANK DUSTIN, Prudential Committee. There was but one term of school in this district, which was taught by Miss Jennette Rix, who commenced the school under favorable circumstances, and we thought would succeed well. We heard nothing from it till near its close, and supposed all was right. But on making our final visit we were disappointed, and found perfect confusion, instead of the well-governed school we expected. Had we visited it before, should have closed it at once, considering such a school worse than none. The district have one of the best houses in town, and material for a good school, and should employ good teachers.

DISTRICT No. 5.

ALONZO LARY, Prudential Committee. There was but one term of school in this district. Aurilla Gilman teacher, was rewarded as she usually is with a good degree of success, and gave, we believe, entire satisfaction. We would say to the people of this district, "don't compel those bright boys and girls to go to school in such a miserable shell. Build a house, worthy of the name.

DISTRICT No. 6.

S. B. CHASE, Prudential Committee. The only term during the year was taught by Mary E. Huse, one of our first class teachers. This school though small is an interesting one, and under Miss H's instruction made rapid progress. We would suggest to the committee that he provide a more suitable place for the next term.

DISTRICT No. 7.

G. W. MURRAY, Prudential Committee. Both terms of the Higher Department were taught by Miss E. A. Davis an old and experienced teacher, whose reputation is so well known as to need no comment, and under her instruction the scholars made rapid and thorough advancement. We were sorry to see so large a number of

"marks of tardiness" and so small an "average attendance" compared with the number of scholars. But remember all, this is the parents rather than the teachers fault. The names of those who did not get a mark for absence or tardiness during the summer term were, Laura Gross, Mellie Whittier, Georgie Barnard, Flora Davis, Della Barney and Eddie Taplin. Those who received the same credit during the winter term were, Della Barney, Laura Parker, Julia Murray, Georgie Barnard, Jennie Sharpe and Hattie Elliott.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. The summer term was taught by Miss Josie Chase, who succeeded as heretofore, in giving perfect satisfaction.

The winter term was taught by Miss E. M. Davis, whose labors were rewarded with a good degree of success. We were well pleased with the progress made, and think that all concerned were satisfied. Master Henry Stevens' name appears in the register without a mark against it.

DISTRICT No. 8.

AARON ALDRICH, Prudential Committee. The summer term was under the charge of Miss Jennie Whittier, an experienced teacher. She governed and instructed the school to the satisfaction of the committee and the district.

The winter term was taught by Wesley C. Davis. Under his instruction the scholars made rapid progress. Young Davis is apt at teaching, a good disciplinarian, a thorough instructor, and deserves the high reputation he has acquired as a teacher.

DISTRICT No. 9.

HARRISON FOGG, Prudential Committee. There was but one term in this district during the year, this was taught by Miss Abbie Wilson. This was her second effort at teaching, and was a perfect success. With experience Miss Wilson will make a first-class teacher.

DISTRICT No. 10.

JAMES PATTEE, Prudential Committee. The only term in this district was under the charge of Miss Mary Wilmonth. This district have built a nice and convenient school-house, one of the best in town, and Miss W. has dedicated it, by teaching, so far as we could judge, a model school.

Teacher and scholars deserve much praise and have gained a reputation excelled only by one in town.

DISTRICT No. 18.

B. N. POLLARD, Prudential Committee. Both terms were taught by Miss Aurilla Gilman with satisfaction to all. We found one of

her registers very imperfectly filled out.

DISTRICT No. 19

GUILFORD DOTON, Prudential Committee. Both terms were taught by Miss Lovey Temple with good success. Her scholars did not make so rapid progress as some, but what they learned was learned thoroughly. Miss Temple with experience and more confidence in herself, will make a first class teacher.

Respectfully submitted,

N. P. TAPLIN.

GENERAL REMARKS.

It is no less a pleasure, than a duty to report the prosperous condition of the schools in my department, for the year now closing. Nearly all have been all that we could wish, and so far as we can learn, Parents, Teachers and Scholars have been perfectly satisfied. We would recommend to parents to visit their schools often, and if you have any fault to find go to the Committee or teacher, instead of others. Those who have the most fault to find are generally those who have but little if any direct interest in the school.

We would recommend the appointment of only one Supt. Committee, with a salary sufficient to compensate him for services rendered.

N. P. TAPLIN, S. S. COMMITTEE.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In considering the prospect and condition of our schools, the first item that attracts our attention is the diminished length of each term in consequence of the appropriation of about \$1000 formerly used for the support of schools, to be applied toward the payment of the town debt. What is there to be said of a people who will consent year after year to be led about by the nose by less than half a score of politicians and speculators, who care nothing for the town or its finances, only to make the most out of the resources of the town and its victimized inhabitants, and then make their exit to more aristocratic towns and villages? Our citizens stand paralyzed and bewildered in the maze of politics, beholding their dearest interests in the town (its finances and schools) crushed, our people in despair complete the sad drama by voting to rob their children of a large part of their school privileges. If any one has courage enough to speak for the true interests of the town, he is assailed either by some one of the ring, who has a temporary interest to look after, or by some political adventurer who has more selfishness and hunger for office than honesty or brain, and who would gladly obtain some

petty office by exciting the fears and prejudices of the masses, by misleading them as to what legislation upon our finances would be for the best interest of both the people and the town. There is a wrong somewhere. Old Canaan has contributed more than its quota of able men, and is by nature more than an average town. If our citizens would waive all party considerations, and select men to fill our local offices on the ground of experience, ability, honesty and adaptation to the position, rather than on account of fidelity to some political organization or clique, we might be more hopeful of the future. Perhaps in the exigencies of the case we might compromise and take one half of the Railroad money to help establish the credit of the town, if our voters would discountenance the policy of running the face of the town. All that is needed is for the friends of our town to work together regardless of party and secure Common Sense Legislation upon our finances and schools.

Citizens of Canaan if we would have good schools with our limited means of education, we must learn our children to form habits of study by the fireside, and we must make them familiar with civilization in the home circle, and although poverty and ruin should overtake the old homes of Canaan in consequence of continued misrule, if we can educate our children, we have something to hope for in the future. England's great scholar (John Stuart Mill) has lately expressed his admiration of the education of the masses in the United States. We should sustain, befriend and encourage our teachers more than we do.

And those that have children that they cannot manage at home, should make inquiries about the State Reform School instead of upholding them in breaking down the authority of female teachers. It is in the power of the people of any district to dishearten any teacher by turning the cold shoulder toward them. I sincerely hope that my successor will faithfully execute the Laws in regard to schools. One superintendant of schools in my opinion would do better service than more, and it is hoped that our citizens will elect a S. S. Committee at the next Election by ballot. In what I have said and done I have endeavored to act honestly and impartially, regardless of party or sect, and if any one has a more hopeful view of the situation, I shall be delighted to see the day when his anticipations are realized. My intercourse with those with whom I have been associated in my official capacity, has as a general thing been of a pleasant nature, and I will close by saying that I do not want any more office, and wish citizens, teachers and scholars a bright future.

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